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Delivering the Promise of Adventure



Each Year the Mississippi Valley Council promises thousands of kids the opportunity for fun and adventure in the outdoors. Thanks to support of our annual Friends of Scouting campaign, popcorn, and fundraisers like our Dueling Pianos and Golf Tournament, we are able to offer our Fall Cub Camporee to all new Scouts at NO cost!

We know that youth who participate in an outdoor activity shortly after joining Scouting are more likely to stay involved. We also know that youth who stay

in our program are more likely to be involved with their religious community, vote, own a home, make more money than non-Scouts, and continue to volunteer in their community through adulthood. Scouts and families who attend the Fall Cub Camporee will be able to shoot BB guns, bows and arrows, take a nature hike, and participate in the big Cubanapolis Race! Scouts build a car out of cardboard and decorate it to look like a hot rod or truck and then race against their peers!

Eagle Scout Spotlight

Jesse W is a member of Troop 33 chartered by American Legion Gillaspay-Moodie Post 474 in Donnellson, Iowa. Jesse's Eagle project consisted of creating a new Cat Enrichment Room for PAW Fort Madison Animal Shelter. Jesse approached PAW and he liked the idea of giving the cats a place to play and enjoy their time at the shelter. The cats seem to love the enrichments. Each one has seemed to choose their favorite space, though every now and then there is a race to see who gets where first!



Jesse decided to do his Eagle project for PAW because most of his family's pets are rescues and because PAW does a great service. Jesse learned that with the right tools and good team, he can do anything within reason. Jesse said, "I was able to learn that after all my times wanting to quit Scouts for dumb reasons and still staying in and involved, that it paid off and I am now able to use my knowledge to help me do good for the world and those who inhabit it."

PAW Fort Madison Animal Shelter says, "Jesse is a wonderful example of what is right with our youth of today. You truly are a wonderful example of what is right with your generation."

From First Adventures to Reaching the Summit

Local Scouts Experience World Jamboree

Mississippi Valley Council youth and adults had an experience of a lifetime at the 24th World Scout Jamboree – North America 2019! This year’s World Scout Jamboree was held at Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia.

The World Scout Jamboree Troop 312 consisted of Scouts from Illowa, Northeast Iowa, Winnebago, Hawkeye Area, W. D. Boyce and Mississippi Valley Councils. They were awarded the *Green Award* for their recycling activities. The troop camped next to troops from Finland, Sweden, and Great Britain.

“Being ill and frightened in a foreign country puts a person in a vulnerable situation. Meeting and treating those people was a true honor” for Dr. Doug Peters.



Council contingent included Blake H, Ryne R, Jacob P, Ron Teater (Scoutmaster), & Doug Peters (Staff). Not pictured, Jim White.

New Service Center Dedication



After 52 years at our Oak Street location, the Mississippi Valley Council moved into a new home at 2522 Locust Street and dedicated the new facility with a ribbon cutting and open house in May sponsored by the Quincy Area Chamber of Commerce. This new service center has a larger Scout Shop, a conference room and storage space for program supplies and equipment.

If you missed the open house, you are welcome to come visit anytime and take a tour of our new home. While you are at it, check out our conference room which is open to outside groups to use for meetings.

New Shower House Improves Privacy & Safety at SSR

In June, we dedicated a new Shower House at Saukenauk Scout Resevaton. This new building, completed just in time for camp, features ten individual shower stalls each equipped with a toilet, sink, and shower. These new facilities allow for more privacy for our campers and their families who come out for an evening, a day, or the whole week! Special thanks to the Quincy Area Chamber of Commerce for hosting a ribbon cutting ceremony. We are currently raising funds ro renovate the showers at the SSR Dining Hall and the Camp Eastman shower house too! To find out more, check out the last page!



United Way of Adams County’s 2nd Annual Day of Caring



The Mississippi Valley Council would like to thank Mercantile Bank and the United Way of Adams County for their support during the annual Day of Caring! More than a dozen volunteers from Mercantile Bank came to Saukenauk Scout Reservation in June to help get the dining hall and waterfront ready for camp! They did everything from painting, to scrubbing the walls, to making the fans so clean you can eat off them (except we don’t suggest you actually do that). It takes many people to help get camp ready and we couldn’t do it without all the effort of our volunteers and partner organizations.

Memoirs from a Camp Director

More than 1,200 Scouts came to one of our four accredited summer camp programs this summer: Scouts BSA Summer Camp at Saukenauk Scout Reservation or Camp Eastman, Webelos Adventure Camp, and Cub Scout Adventure Camp. Scouts participated in activities including the Zip Line, Orienteering, home repairs, and canoeing. Here are a few pictures from camp or you can find more by searching 'Mississippi Valley Council' on Facebook.



Home Repairs Merit Badge



Rappelling at Webelos Adventure Camp

Our Summer programs, led by our camp directors who manage more than 70 seasonal staff and volunteers. Here are a few of their thoughts as they reflect on this past summer:

Bill Maddox Camp Director for Scouts BSA Camp - In Mississippi Valley Council, our vision of Summer Camp does not fade into the past, Rather, it shines into the future. Our 2020 Vision is clear: we will continue to offer the finest of programs in the region and based upon the input of youth and adults, adjustments will be made so that it will be clear to see that 2020 will be the finest year yet.

Jim Mehaffy, Camp Director for Webelos and Cub Scout Adventure Camps - I always want to give opportunities to challenge our Scouts. Rappelling is a great opportunity to challenge our younger Scouts, to lean over that wall, to trust the equipment. To let themselves go. To leave the safety of the platform and walk down the wall. One of the highlights of summer camp for me this year was listening to Scouts talk about how scared they were to lean back over that wall which was followed by the excitement of reaching the ground.

Upcoming Camp Activities

Saukenauk Scout Reservation

- Fall Cub Camporee – For all Cub Scouts grade K-5 and their family. New Scouts camp free!

Camp Eastman

- Fall Cub Camporee – For all Cub Scouts grade K-5 and their family. New Scouts camp free!

Both Camps are available for Scout, Explorer, Corporate, and Public use. Reserve your adventure at www.mississippivalleybsa.org



Battleship Competition at Scouts BSA Summer Camp



Troop 225, chartered to Holy Name Society of St. Francis Catholic Church



Troop 219, chartered to Congregational United Church of Christ in Denmark, IA



Troop 3 Honor Guard, chartered to St. John's Catholic Church in Burlington, IA

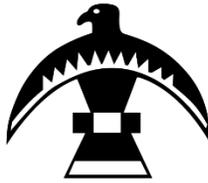
Developing a Long-Term Plan for Camps

In 2015 the Mississippi Valley Council formed an Envision 2020 committee comprised of volunteers and stakeholders of Camp Eastman and Saukenauk Scout Reservation. This committee's charge was to not only create a five-year plan to enhance Camp Eastman and Saukenauk Scout Reservation, but more importantly to look to the future and visualize a plan that would foster a change in culture among our Scouts and volunteers of Eastman and Saukenauk rather than Eastman or Saukenauk.

"The mission of the Envision 2020 committee is to create a 5-year plan for Camp Eastman and Saukenauk Scout Reservation that will incorporate two unique Scouts BSA Summer Camp programs, a plan for enhancing the physical properties, and allocation of capital funds to enhance and maintain our camps. Over the last four years we have had many successes and there are still many more opportunities as we move into the next five years."

SSR Completed Projects

- 5 Philmont Cabins
- Internal Waypoint Signage
- New Storm Siren
- Skid Steerer
- Long House
- New Shower House
- Camp Callahan Storage Shed
- Boulderling Wall
- Dining Hall Renovations
- Built a second Zip Line



SSR Future Projects Pending Funds

- Skilled Trades & Welding Center
- Welcome Center & Medical Lodge
- Dining Hall Expansion
- Kitchen Renovation
- Dining Hall Restroom Renovation
- Winter Cabin Expansion
- ATV Storage Building
- Storm Shelters

CE Completed Projects

- 6 Honor Cabins
- New Internal Waypoint Signage
- New Storm Siren
- Electric Infrastructure Upgrades
- Training Center Renovation
- Mouse Manor Renovation
- Pete's Pond Renovation
- RC Race Car Track Improvements

CE Future Projects Pending Funds

- Shower House Remodel
- S.T.E.M. Building
- Waterfront Renovation
- COPE Course Renovation
- Pool Renovation
- Storm Shelters
- New Waterfront Dock



How You Can Help

We are committed to investing in our camps, so every Scout gets to experience outdoor adventures unique to our program. These projects are only possible thanks to our donors, both large and small. Please contact us at mvc@scouting.org to learn how you can contribute to one of our program projects or our Scout safety initiatives.



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